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Remarks

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-9, 11, 19, 22, 34-35, 37 and 39 have been cancelled. Claims 10, 12-18, 20-21, 23-33, 36, 38 and 40-44 remain for examination.

Telephone Discussions with Examiner:

Applicant has amended independent claim 10 to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 11. Further, claim 20 has been amended to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 11; claim 21 has been amended to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 22; claim 33 has been amended to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 34; claim 43 has been amended to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 34. These changes have been made at the suggestion of the examiner in a telephone interview on September 30, 2005.

The undersigned attorney of record had request authorization from applicant to accept the examiner's suggestions in order to place the application in condition for allowance. However, while awaiting a reply from applicant, the examiner issued an advisory action.

The undersigned attorney of record has now received authorization from the applicant to accept the examiner's suggestions for combining claims in order to expedite prosecution of the application. The instant amendment has been made accordingly.

Conclusions:

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a

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check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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